

THE COURTS.

Supreme Court.

The Supreme court convened on Monday afternoon. There were present the Judges: Chief Justice Mulvey, of Metropolis, Justices Scott, Lewis, Schell, Marshall, and Scott, of Bloomington. Judge Craig is at his home in Galesburg, suffering from the effects of a broken leg caused by a fall on an icy pavement some weeks ago. Twenty cases each day are subject to call.

Circuit Court.

Monday before Judge Blanchard the motion for a new trial in the case of Byrne v. Harshorn was overruled, and the case taken to the Appellate Court.

The bill of complaint brought by John Greenleaf against Emma Greenleaf and August Kepp was on Tuesday dismissed in chancery.

Wednesday afternoon a schedule of the liabilities and assets of the Pitts Manufacturing Company, of Marseilles, which two weeks ago made an assignment, was filed in the office of the county clerk, and is a voluminous document. The liabilities of the late firm amount to the sum of \$101,084.43, and the assets are scheduled at \$264,658.83. The value of unincumbered property is estimated at \$5,000. The assignee, S. W. Rieger, of the law firm of Bull, Strawn & Rieger, gives a bond of \$10,000.

In the tax case of the People v. Fuller, of Mendota, to recover some \$1,100 in taxes which case has been under advisement by Judge Blanchard, a decision in favor of defendant was rendered yesterday afternoon.

There was but little business transacted in the circuit court this week. Among some of the cases disposed of were the following in the law docket:

H. Johnson v. Berge Thompson, assumpsit, damages for plaintiff in \$1,248.38. Village of Earlville v. Joel Carrier et al, assumpsit, damages assessed defendants in sum of \$320.20. Isabella Tarsen v. Thos Barnes, replevin, damages and judgment for plaintiff, one cent.

City—E. P. Nitchelm v. Thos Brunick et al, Master's report of sale approved. C. H. Crook v. Lucy A. Poole et al, Master's sale report approved and order for distribution. The following cases in the circuit court were dismissed during the week: E. L. Mann v. Wm H. Milligan, Tins Dorgan v. Dennis Manning, Mark S. Grossen v. S. W. Williams, Chas Debrauch v. T. D. Murray, Ezra Fell v. G. B. Beiford et al, C. McLeod v. same, City of Mendota v. J. Krueger, same v. Phil Cade, Philip Conlin v. Henry Olson, French et al v. M. Reynolds et al, M. Olson v. H. D. Patter, City of Mendota v. C. Kane, John Riggs v. Michael Byrne, Patrick Lamb v. John Covey, Lydia Smith v. Lewis Smith, Julia Rabenstein v. Gustav Heffel, Henry Nagle v. Helen Nagle et al.

Wednesday the Ottawa House was closed up on a distress warrant and judgment against William Patterson, to the amount of \$407.25 was entered in the circuit court. Patterson will be remembered as the alleged insane man recently mentioned by this paper, who wanted to buy up everything he laid eyes on. It was during one of those hallucinations he purchased the Ottawa house.

GRAND JURY.

Following are the names of grand jurors summoned to meet here next Monday: John Enock, Brookfield; F. M. Ryan and J. E. Williams, Bruce; W. Trumbo, Dayton; C. L. Hoffman, Eagle; G. A. Cope, Earl; Joshua Kneiser, Fall River; Kansas Palmer, Farmington; Ole K. Olson, Freedom; Thaddeus Ematt, Groveland; S. P. Massey, Hope; A. J. Reed, La Salle; J. E. Best, Mendota; H. S. Early, Mission; George Schreiner, Northville; Henry Stead and Chas Metzger, Ottawa; F. X. Werling and Conrad Briel, Jr., Peru; William Seipp, Richland; George D. Rhaver, Rutland; Josiah Bagley, Seneca; H. P. Moore, South Ottawa.

JURY.

The names of petit jurors subpoenaed for March 15th are as follows: Christian H. Jacobson, Adams; Frank Stroble, Allen; D. M. Noonan, William Gridley, A. Branie and Frank Law, Bruce; Ed Brundage, Dayton; Thomas Heathcote and Joseph Galt, Dimmock; A. Gray and Ed Morris, Eden; Leonard Bagley and Leonard W. Beale, Earl; John Brannen, Freedom; Elmer Williams, Farmington; Wilford Gray and Joseph Ginn, Groveland; Thomas Cull, Grand Rapids; Tipton Ransom, Hope; August Maiken, David Blee and James Backer, La Salle; S. J. Haight, Meriden; J. W. Connon, John Eich and Jacob Schiedelhelm, Mendota; Eugene Madden, John T. Burke, Peter Schaefer, M. L. Quinn, Henry A. Fuller, Steve Butler, Patrick Daily and J. Christenson, Ottawa; William Rohan, Sr. and John Strassdorf, Osage; August Volmer, Jr. and John Train, Peru; Henry Rose, Richland; George Bartlett, South Ottawa.

County Court.

Mrs. Mary Brazil, aged about 50 years, of Mendota, was declared insane in the County Court Monday. Her insanity dates back some seven years ago and is said to have been brought on by her husband deserting her and marrying a notorious courtesan of the town. She was taken to Jacksonville.

Monday the Ottawa Gas Light and Coke Co. enjoined the collecting of the tax on the capital stock of the company.

The claims against the Wilsons, of Earlville, were again on deck in the County Court this week, before Judge Gilbert.

Probate Court.

Est. of Michael E. Curtin, letters issued to Michael Curtin, bond in sum of \$300 approved. Conservatorship of Nathaniel Chase, in

same, rep. of assets apvd and ord recd. Conservator to borrow \$1,200 for a term not exceeding five years.

Est. of Andrew Anderson, rep. of assets and exceptions thereto filed; hearing of same had on March 5.

Est. of John Martin, inv. appr. bill and widow's relapsed and ord recd.

Est. of James Hammett, inv. apvd and pet. to sell real est. to pay debts filed.

Est. of James Baikin, inv. and widow's rel. and ord recd.

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Our old friend Charlie Mc. feels good over those twins. Almost as good as though they were his.

It is conceded by all in and around Hamer that Mr. Yost is the champion euchre player.

Rebenders are busy changing buses. Mr. Weygandt has moved near Earl. Pedro hates to see such men as Mr. W. and family move away. Their new neighbors will find them courteous, kind and honest, and the best of neighbors.

Several old sets have or are about to secure pensions.

Geo. McIntosh, from Goodland, Ind., is here visiting old friends. He goes to Dakota soon.

The La Salle county history man is around this week delivering his compilation of paid facts. In our humble opinion it is no history at all, as nothing was published but what was highly paid for. Nine-tenths of the names of citizens in the county cannot be found in it.

Washington's birthday here was a huge failure, as far as celebrating goes.

Our Homer dancing school has fallen through, owing to the lack of sand.

Mortality & Curtis, North Ophirites, have moved to Iowa.

Mr. Charlie Brown and wife will spend the summer in traveling.

Mr. Jackson has a young colt that he fears is going blind. Dr. Sheppard will be asked to cure him.

Our N. I. V. runs a local now to handle their freight, as coal trains are too much delayed in handling freight.

Homer at the coming spring election will again try to incorporate the burg.

Earl Knox's favorite prescription to drive out witches is sugar and Adam's taken every once in awhile until the witches get starved out.

Stone handling last week was lively. More stone left the quarry that week than in any one week since it was opened.

Mr. Leary, the murdered lady, was buried Tuesday in the Catholic cemetery at Mendota.

Our depot at Homer is a nice, tidy place and is run by a perfect gentleman who keeps everything in apple pie order. No one is allowed to loaf in the waiting room. A good thing, surely.

The average citizen that gets mail at our postoffice doesn't want a change. The present incumbent fills the bill to a T. Let good enough alone.

FROM RUTLAND.

RUTLAND, Mar. 5.—The spring and rains have come, and the voice of the "Willie Wallace" is once more heard in our land. This time it has not only been heard but seen, and is said to resemble a big Newfoundland dog. We have a shrewd suspicion that the resemblance is perfect, as it is, no doubt some stray dog that has come from some place among the natives of East Rutland and Malibu.

Miss Beck Robinson is visiting at Yorkville, Plano and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Armstrong, of Sheridan, are the guests of S. E. Parr and wife. Mrs. A. is quite ill with a bad cold.

Grandma Titus is visiting at Wm. Stenders.

Miss Alia Frances, one of Seneca's charming young ladies has been spending a few days at Joe Shaver's and other friends in the neighborhood.

Flora Spencer spent last week in Ottava.

The euchre party at Uncle Lew Robinson's Tuesday night was a great success. The way "he done them up" at the head table was a real thing to admire.

Mrs. Lee Peck of Seneca is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Grove, at Mr. Robinson's.

Mrs. Allen of Seneca, will spend a few days with Sallie Parr.

Belle Parr who has been ill for some time past, is still unable to attend school.

Frank Trumbo is contemplating a trip to New Orleans and vicinity soon.

Nellie Dehelt, it is said, has gone to Aurora to engage in business there. If this be true, Rutland will lose one of its brightest young ladies.

The Bohemian out man has again made his appearance and farmers that were veridant enough to buy, are beginning to assume a natural appearance.

Peter Shaver, son of Harding, has again taken up his quarters among us.

He has tried and now believes the old adage, "change not the old love for the new, etc."

James Turpie of Chicago, has lately moved his effects from that city to his father-in-law, Ephraim Shaver's, whose farm he intends to run the coming summer.

Second hand furniture for sale, that has never been first handed. Enquire of the blacksmith.

FROM OPHIR.

OPHIR, March 2.—The boys that won the medal for curling are Messrs. J. and William Wylie, Currie and Stewart. These four young men are the best players in La Salle county, and very hard to leave in a game. They no doubt will hold the medal several years before it will be taken from them.

Homer has several very fine Christian ladies and gentlemen, but there is no one knows that they are so good but themselves. In the time of affliction that Mr. Hiram Leary and family were subjected to by the killing of the old lady none of these goodly good church members left themselves to go. To Mrs. Jane Edwards, Mrs. Libbie Wallace and Mrs. Fred. Hamel great honor and thanks are due, as those worthy ladies did all in their power for the afflicted family; and although none of them profess to be such good church members, their interest in heaven is surely greater than those good ones that pay rent for a front pew and stick up their noses at those beneath them. Pedro thinks that they ought to go and seek their heads, so that their brains would expand and teach them to practice what they preach.

Pedro is under necessity to chronicle the death of a good man, Mr. Jacob Croissant, Sr., of West Troy Grove, who died Monday, Feb. 21. Mr. C. was a native of Bavaria. He came to this country a young man, and by honesty and energy acquired a fine estate. He was a truly good man and hadn't an enemy in the world. He leaves a widow to mourn his loss and a grown up family of dutiful sons and one kind and loving daughter to mourn their loss. His age was 72 years and 10 days. He was interred in the Lutheran cemetery of West Troy Grove. His disease for the past two years was heart disease. May he sleep in peace.

Mr. C. Z. has returned from Sablette, where he went to consult an M. D. of the genuine gender.

Mr. Hapeman has the carpenters at work in his yard framing his new house. Banks & Parish are the contractors.

Mrs. Brown moved onto her own farm Thursday last. A cold, stormy day, sure.

Joe Mundie shipped one car of hogs from Homer, Wednesday evening. He put 80 large hogs in. When they get to Chicago they will need no packing—only salting.

FROM UTICA.

UTICA, Mar. 4.—At Utica, in its infancy, "The Utica Blade" was an unconscious up to the last few moments, when it rallied a little and gave one whoop and all was over. Poor thing; it is said to see a paper that was so "pure in tone and refreshing to the weary mind" cut off in its infancy. It had been lingering along for some time until starvation put an end to its suffering. It has left many sorrowing friends to mourn its demise. Among the principal mourners are the hotel keeper and coal dealers, for this has been a long, cold winter, and the boy that had been nursing it had to keep warm and have something to eat occasionally. It will be buried before warm weather sets in by the side of those gone before: the Utica Gazette and Utica News. The chief mourners met and held a post mortem examination and disclosed the fact that it had patent insides, and the verdict rendered was that the patent insides were too weak to sustain the "Independent, Fearless and Free" editorials on the outside; and to prove that the verdict was in accordance with all the evidence at hand, three copies were produced that contained editorials headed "Timely Topics," with the editor's name signed to them, which of itself would make any paper sick.

Independent, fearless and everything free. Yes, everything was free. Ask the lady that he boarded with all winter if it was not free. Ask the man that furnished the coal if it was not free. Ask the gentleman that paid \$13 to get a suit of

FROM WALLACE.

WALLACE, Mar. 4.—The weather is moderate here now. Wednesday a heavy rain prevailed in this vicinity. It looked like spring, the beautiful thing.

Almost everyone I have seen this last has a bad cold.

Jas. Burke has returned from the west a wiser and a happier man.

John Tooley moved on Wednesday after giving a big dance Monday night. It was a brilliant affair and was largely attended.

How to Buy Groceries.

This week contains the initial advertisement of DEVLIN & EAGLE, Wholesale Grocers, 22, 24 and 26 E. Randolph Street, Chicago, Ills. They quote prices on standard groceries that must attract attention. We have taken the precaution to inquire and assure our readers of the integrity and responsibility of the house. They are doing a trade that extends all over the West.

From Lostant.

LOSTANT, Mar. 4.—A large meeting of the prominent citizens of Lostant was held Monday night for the purpose of hearing the report of the committee appointed to make arrangement to prospect for coal. They have received letters from different drilling firms and seemed to think the price charged to high, as \$1 per foot for the first 400 feet and 25 cents extra per foot for every 100 feet after that was the best offer they have had, with diamond drill. With conveniences, engine, water, etc., to be had on very reasonable terms here it was thought it ought to be done cheaper and the committee was requested to investigate further.

Mrs. Maggie Julia, who has been visiting friends in Kansas for a few weeks returned Friday.

Mrs. Frank Morgan and Jessie Morgan, of Wemona, have been the guests of Miss Julia Atwood for the past few days.

Nick Shawback from east of Tonica was in Lostant Monday.

M. L. Sherman is this week assisting the Dugerman artist of Tonica, who is sick.

N. Kenzie, the philanthropist, is again in taking life insurance.

Wm. White and E. Quire Massey were in Wemona on business Monday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hannum, Feb. 25, a son.

Ex-Postmaster Hugh Goheen is in quite poor health; also Almer Boyle.

Bro. Richardson, editor Tonica News was in Lostant Monday eating peanuts as usual.

Elder Baskerville of Tonica, preached at the Baptist church here Sabbath night. One young lady on profession of faith was baptised.

The protracted effort at the M. E. church still continues with very little encouragement. While the women are zealous and faithful workers in the church the men seem to have placed their love and faith somewhere else—is it for the best?

ZENAR.

Horses, Cattle and Chickens.

For colic, grubs, lung fever, cough or horse cold, I give Simmons Liver Regulator (liquid) in one ounce doses; or, one teaspoonful of the powder in a mash twice a day. Recommend it to every one as the best medicine for these complaints. In using it with colic, for cholera and gas, I mix it with the dough and feed it to them once a day. I have lost none where the Regulator was given promptly and regularly.—E. T. Taylor, Agent for Gingers of Chicago.

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